

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed October 5, 2005, finally rejecting all of the claims pending in the application, namely, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10 and 11. Of the aforementioned pending claims, claims 1 and 7 are independent base claims. All of the other claims remaining in the application depend from one of the independent base claims.

A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to said Official Action, up to and including March 6, 2006, is being filed concurrently herewith.

Applicant is also filing concurrently herewith a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, along with the required fee. In addition, applicant has also filed concurrently herewith an Information Disclosure Statement.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a section configured to receive the decrypted signal and display or record the received decrypted signal [and] routing the re-encrypted signal to another device via another signal transmission line." Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found by reference to, for example, page 12, lines 1-10 and Fig. 3.

Claim 7 has been amended to recite "displaying or recording said decrypted signal." Support this amendment to claim 7 may be found by reference to, for example, page 12, lines 1-10 or Fig. 3.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 7 do not constitute the addition of new matter to the application.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,069,647 to *Sullivan et al.* ("*Sullivan*"). Applicant respectfully submits that in

view of the foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 7, the claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by *Sullivan*.

Sullivan discloses an electronic system 100 that includes an interface unit 110 and a programmable unit 120. (*Sullivan* 3:56-60.) Each of these units includes a time-sensitive key (TSK) block 130 that is periodically loaded with a TSK. The interface unit 110 receives a signal from input unit 150 and is transmitted to the programmable unit 120. (*Id.*, 5:36-43.) *Sullivan* discloses that the "interface unit 110 is implemented as a broadband receiver capable of receiving and performing operations on a digital bit stream in order to select a transmission channel having a desired digital content." (*Id.*, 4:58-62.) The interface unit 110, however, is not disclosed as having a display.

The programmable unit 120 is disclosed generally as "any output unit having [a] display." (*Id.*, 5:46-51.) Specific examples of programmable unit 120 include a DVD, a digital television, or laptop computer. (*Id.*)

Sullivan, however, does not teach or suggest implementing a display section in the interface unit 110. In addition, *Sullivan's* programmable unit 120 is disclosed as having only one communication channel, whereas the apparatus of claim 1 recites first and second communications means. Further in that regard, claim 7 recites "routing the re-encrypted signal to another device via another signal transmission line." As such, applicant respectfully submits that *Sullivan* does not disclose or suggest the combination recited in claims 1 and 7.

Applicant respectfully submits that *Sullivan* does not anticipate or render the claims obvious for at least the foregoing reasons. As all of the other claims pending in the application depend from either claim 1 or 7, applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also not anticipated

or rendered obvious by *Sullivan* for at least the foregoing reasons.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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